SAINT LUCIA.

REPORT

OF THE

Protector of Immigrants

FOR THE YEAR

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SAINT LUCIA.

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT,

CASTRIES, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1886.

His Honour
EDWARD LABORDE, Esquire, C. M. G.,
Administrator of the Government.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Immigration Department of this Colony for the year 1885.

2. The subjoined Table shows the Indian Immigrant Population under Indenture on the 31st of December, 1885.

	Adults.		Minors.		Infants.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Alive on the 31st December 1884	529	203	19	7	189	947
Arrived in *Poonah* 4th January 1885	163	76	4	5	58	306
	692	279	23	12	247	1253
Born in 1885					16	16
	692	279	23	12	263	1269
Disindentured in 1885 (*Foyle*)	29	13			13	55
	663	266	23	12	250	1214
Died in 1885	23	12		1	14	50
	640	254	23	11	236	1164
Absconded in 1885	4					4
Alive on 31st December, 1885	636	254	23	11	236	1160

3. The Birth rate (16 in a total of 1253 souls) was thus 1.27 per cent; and the Death rate (50 from a total of 1269) was 3.94 per cent. This is not like St. Lucia, and a brief explanation is offered. The Coolies now under indenture are inferior to those received in the first years of the system; and, whereas formerly a large proportion of the Coolies were located on estates in the elevated and healthy parts of the island, at present the great majority of them are concentrated in three valleys, having extensive bottom lands, and part of their duty is to open up new lands. Amid such malarial influences, the birth rate is of necessity low, and the death rate high.

4. The ship *Poonah* from Calcutta, after a voyage of ninety nine days, a little longer than the average, arrived on the 4th of January 1885. When she left Calcutta, she had on board 314 souls, and landed in St. Lucia 306 souls. Two infants, born on board, were landed alive, and ten persons died. This death rate during the voyage was 3.16 per cent, double that of the *Bracadaile*, excluding the deaths from Cholera, and this high mortality continued throughout the first year in the Colony. Thus 18 died out of 310

(4 births having taken place in the island), which gives the annual death rate 5.8 per cent.

4. The record of the Coolies by the *Bann* closes with 1885. Their vital statistics for the five years of indenture may be thus summed up:—

Their strength on arrival in 1881 was		316 souls
There were born in five years		38
		354
There died in five years		66
		288
and there absconded		4
Leaving		284

and showing a natural decrease of 28. The average annual birth rate was 2.4 per cent, and the average annual death rate 3.73 per cent.

5. My annual report for 1884 ended in a gloomy paragraph. It dwelt on the miserable outlook for the Sugar cane industry. When the year 1885 arrived, it was not a glad new year for us. The *Poonah* came with the first days of the year, and though she brought a small lot of Coolies, some were left in the hands of the Government, which had to provide work for them for many months. The other incidents of the year were not more agreeable. In the same month of January the Coolies of *Bois d'Orange* had to be removed and provided for, and in June those of *Anse Canot* likewise. From other two estates, *Choc* and *Fonds*, the Coolies were taken away, but the Government was fortunate in getting them placed elsewhere. And a proprietor who had two estates, was permitted to transfer his smaller lot (that on *Anse Galet*) to the estate with the larger lot (*Marquis*). It must not be supposed, however, that the proprietors of these estates were treated with sharpness or severity in depriving them of their Coolies. On the contrary, every consideration and leniency were shown, short of positive injustice to the Coolies.

6. Hitherto, nothing but evil has been reported of the Coolies by the *Bracadaile*; but they have redeeming points, which it gives me pleasure to record. With them began, it may be almost said, correspondence with India, and the transmission of money to relations there. They have been fairly seconded by those who came in the *Poonah*. But the movement has scarcely extended to the older lots.

7. The year 1885 saw preparations making for supplying an old and decided want. The plan of opening schools for minors, provided for in the Immigration Ordinance of 1880, was found to be impracticable. But the Government took a generous view of the matter in relation to children, and granted £50 a year for the salary of a Schoolmaster, and at the same time the General Manager of the *Crown Lands* estate gave two houses and fittings for residence and schoolroom. The school was opened early in 1886. The movement is tentative. There are more than fifty children in one locality on the *Crown Lands* estate, and in the Roseau and the Mabouya Valleys there are also many children. If the present experiment prove a success, there will be substantial grounds on which to base requests for the establishment of other two schools.

8. During the year a considerable emigration of natives to Panama took place, and disindentured Coolies came to me, sometimes singly, sometimes in groups, pleading the difficulty of getting work, and craving permission to go to Panama. In every instance I firmly refused. I did so for

several reasons:—1st, In the interest of the Coolies; for I would not allow them to go to unknown conditions and circumstances, without protection or assured care, and to a country necessarily unhealthy; 2nd, because this colony was bound to provide for them for the five years of their disindentured term, and could not throw off the obligation by letting them go to Panama; and 3rd, because permission to go to Panama could not be granted without the sanction of the Government of India, and in my judgment such a sanction could never be obtained. In regard to the first point, experience more than justified my determination. Sickness and other distresses drove home many of the natives who had gone away, and an outcry was made in the island that the Government should assist others to return.

9. At present, the outlook is not a favourable one. Coolies who served out their five years on dry and healthy estates, now abandoned in whole or in part, have been driven to seek employment in the three bottom land valleys, where central factories keep up cultivation; and their health breaks down as effectually as when they were first introduced into the island. Then the prospect of sugar as a marketable commodity is so bad, that it cannot be known how soon one or more of the central factories may be forced to abandon operations. In such an event, of course, if Demerara or Trinidad do not relieve us of the Coolies thrown out of work, the one course for the colony will be to send them back to India without the loss of a day.

10. This report has been long in making its appearance. Your Honour is aware of the many extra duties which called me away, for prolonged periods, from the specialties of my own department.

The usual Tables are appended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Honour's most humble and obedient servant,

R. P. CROPPER,

Protector of Immigrants.

TABLE A.

TABLE showing the Work and Wages of Indentured Indian Immigrants on 26 Estates for the Year ended 31st December 1885.

ESTATES.	MEN.									WOMEN.								
	Period	No. of Men.	Total Days	Average days of each	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings	Average Earnings of each	Ditto per week	Day's Earnings of each.	Period	No. of Women	Total Days	Average days of each	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings	Average Earnings of each	Ditto per week.	Day's Earnings of each.
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Anse Canot	Year									Year								
do.	5th	6	615	102	1.96	30 15 0	5 2 6	1 11½	1 0	5th	3	344	114	2.19	12 18 0	4 6 9	1 7¾	0 9
Anse Galet	2nd	6	565	94	1.8	28 5 0	4 14 2	1 9½	1 0	2nd	2	243	121	2.32	9 2 3	4 11 1	1 9	0 9
Balembouche	5th	8	1326	165	3.17	66 13 0	8 6 7	3 2½	1 0	5th	2	374	187	3.59	14 0 6	7 0 3	2 8¼	0 9
Beauchamp	5th	10	1886	188	3.61	95 9 6	9 10 10	3 5½	1 0	5th	5	943	188	3.41	35 8 8	7 1 8	2 8½	0 9
Belle Vue	5th	10	2028	202	3.88	106 0 10	10 12 1	4 0¾	1 0½	5th	3	532	177	3.4	21 3 4	7 1 1	2 8½	0 9¼
Cannelles	5th	5	1027	205	3.94	51 16 7	10 7 3	3 11¾	1 0	5th	2	175	87	1.67	7 3 11	3 11 11	1 4½	0 9¼
Choc	5th	10	1396	139	2.67	69 16 0	6 19 7	2 8	1 0	5th	4	464	116	2.23	18 16 6	4 14 1	1 9¾	0 9¼
Crown Lands	2nd	81	13709	169	3.25	686 12 10	8 9 6	3 3	1 0	2nd	31	5471	176	3.38	205 3 3	6 12 4	2 6½	0 9
do.	1st	59	7990	135	2.76	399 10 0	6 15 5	2 9¼	1 0	1st	28	3977	142	2.9	149 2 9	5 6 6	2 2	0 9
	(48.8 wks.)									(48.8 wks)								
Deux Amis	5th	3	529	176	3.38	26 14 7	8 18 2	3 5	1 0	5th	1	170	170	3.26	6 7 10	6 7 10	2 5½	0 9
Esperance	5th	2	251	125	2.4	12 11 0	6 5 6	2 4¾	1 0	5th	1	139	139	2.67	5 4 3	5 4 3	2 0	0 9
Ferrands	1st	10	1124	112	2.21	56 4 0	5 12 4	2 2½	1 0	1st	5	590	118	2.33	22 2 6	4 8 6	1 9	0 9
	(50.5 wks.)									(50.5 wks)								
Fonds	5th	9	1826	202	3.88	95 14 10	10 12 9	4 1	1 0½	5th	3	336	112	2.15	14 9 10	4 16 7	1 10¼	0 10¼
Jalousie	5th	3	600	200	3.84	30 13 6	10 4 6	3 11	1 0¼	5th	1	115	115	2.21	4 6 3	4 6 3	1 7¾	0 9
La Caye	2nd	37	7076	191	3.67	353 18 4	9 11 3	3 8	1 0	2nd	10	1736	173	3.32	65 3 6	6 10 4	2 6	0 9
do.	1st	19	2842	149	2.95	142 2 0	7 9 6	2 11½	1 0	1st	10	1686	168	3.32	63 4 6	6 6 5	2 5¾	0 9
	(50.5 wks,)									(50.5 wks)								
Malgrétout	5th	3	426	142	2.73	21 6 0	7 2 0	2 9	1 0	5th	1	173	173	3.32	6 9 9	6 9 9	2 5¼	0 9
do.	2nd	4	740	185	3.66	37 16 0	9 9 0	3 8¾	1 0¼	1st	2	338	169	3.34	12 13 6	6 6 9	2 5¼	0 9
	(50.5 wks.)									(50.5 wks.)								
Marquis	5th	12	2136	178	3.42	114 8 8	9 10 8	3 8	1 0¾	5th	3	502	167	3.21	18 16 6	6 5 6	2 4½	0 9
Do.	2nd	26	3860	148	2 84	200 1 9	7 10 0	2 10½	1 0	2nd	11	1241	112	2.15	46 11 11	4 4 8	1 7½	0 9
Mont Lezard	2nd	13	2147	165	3.17	107 7 0	8 5 1	3 2	1 0	2nd	5	989	197	3.78	37 1 9	7 8 4	2 10	0 9
Morne Courbaril	5th	4	672	168	3.23	34 19 11	8 14 11	3 4¼	1 0¼	5th	3	376	125	2.04	14 3 11	4 14 7	1 9¾	0 8
do.	1st	7	1412	201	3.98	71 7 5	10 3 11	4 0¾	1 0	1st	3	519	173	3.42	19 9 3	6 9 9	2 6¼	0 9
	(50 5 wks.)									(50.5 wks.)								
Ressource	5th	8	972	121	2.32	49 3 10	6 2 11	2 4¼	1 0	5th	2	218	109	2.09	9 6 1	4 13 0	1 9½	0 10
do.	2nd	25	4042	161	3.09	202 16 7	8 2 3	3 1¼	1 0	2nd	12	1803	150	2.88	68 18 7	5 14 10	2 2¼	0 9
do.	1st	18	2172	120	2.33	108 13 11	6 0 9	2 4	1 0	1st	9	1451	161	3.13	59 16 10	6 12 11	2 6¾	0 9¾
	(51.4 wks.)									(51.4 wks.)								
Retraite	5th	7	1368	195	3.75	68 8 0	9 15 5	3 9	1 0	5th	3	451	150	2.88	16 8 3	5 12 9	2 2	0 9
do.	2nd	7	1129	161	3 09	56 9 0	8 1 3	3 1	1 0	2nd	2	266	133	2 55	9 19 6	4 19 9	1 11	0 9
Richefond	2nd	41	5694	138	2 65	285 5 7	6 19 1	2 8	1 0	2nd	17	2709	159	3.05	102 16 1	6 0 11	2 4¼	0 9
do.	1st	29	4983	171	3.38	249 3 0	8 11 9	4 0	1 0	1st	8	1167	144	2.85	43 15 3	5 9 4	2 1¾	0 9
	(50.5 wks.)									(50.5 wks.)								
Rivière Dorée	5th	7	1448	206	3.96	72 8 0	10 6 10	3 11½	1 0	5th	2	377	188	3.61	14 7 9	7 8 10	2 10½	0 9½
Roseau Mont d'Or ...	5th	26	5200	200	3.84	260 0 0	10 0 0	3 7½	1 0	5th	9	1475	163	3.13	55 6 3	6 12 11	2 4¼	0 9
do.	2nd	31	4157	134	2.57	207 17 0	6 14 1	2 6¾	1 0	2nd	13	1574	121	2.32	59 0 6	4 10 9	1 8¾	0 9
Do Peru	2nd	20	2443	122	2.34	122 3 0	6 2 1	2 4	1 0	2nd	9	1258	139	2.67	47 3 6	5 4 10	2 0	0 9
Do (proper)	5th	24	4336	180	3.46	216 16 0	9 0 8	3 5½	1 0	5th	12	1707	142	2.73	68 3 6	5 13 7	2 2	0 9¼
Do Do	2nd	22	2241	101	1.94	112 1 0	5 1 10	1 11½	1 0	2nd	8	1027	128	2.46	41 11 1	5 3 10	1 11¾	0 9¼
Ruby	1st	4	790	197	3.9	39 10 0	9 17 6	4 0½	1 0	1st	2	344	172	3.4	12 18 0	6 9 0	2 6½	0 9
	(50.5 wks.)									(50. 5wks.)								

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B.

RETURN showing the Number of Births among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1885.

Districts	Immigrant Population	Number of Births	Rate per 1000
1st	708	4	5·64
2nd	115	7	60 86
3rd	61	2	32·78
4th	869	3	8·13
	1253	16	12.76

C.

RETURN showing the Number of Deaths among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1885.

Date	Deaths: Adult M	Deaths: Adult F	Deaths: Non-Adult	Deaths: Infant	Total	Indian Population	Rate per 1000	Cause of Death	Place of Death	Place of Indenture.
1885								FIRST DISTRICT		
Jany. 2	1				1			Phthisis	Temp. Hosp.	Roseau
,, 8	1				1			Dysentery	,,	do
,, 10	1				1			Embolism	,,	Bois d'Orange
Feb. 20		1			1			Albuminuria	,,	Roseau
,, 27				1	1			Debility	,,	Government
,, 27				1	1			Fever	,,	Roseau
Mar. 2	1				1			Bronchitis	,,	Crown Lands
,, 20		1			1			do	,,	Roseau
Apr. 2		1			1			Prolaps. Uteri	,,	Marquis
,, 15		1			1			Murder	Residence	Government
,, 15	1				1			Phthisis	Temp. Hosp.	Crown Lands
,, 20	1				1			Fever	,,	,,
,, 28				1	1			Worms	,,	,,
May 15	1				1			Fever	,,	,,
,, 16	1				1			Bronchitis	,,	Roseau
,, 21	1				1			Dropsy	,,	Crown Lands
June 5	1				1			Heart Disease	,,	,,
,, 25		1			1			Diarrhœa	,,	Roseau
,, 26	1				1			do	,,	Crown Lands
July 29		1			1			Serpent bite	,,	Roseau
Sep. 1		1			1			Anaemia	,,	,,
,, 17			1		1			Gangrene	,,	,,
Oct. 10	1				1			Dysentery	,,	,,
,, 31				1	1			Fever	,,	,,
Nov. 10		1			1			Bright's disease	Poor Asylum	,,
,, 21	1				1			Pleurisy	Roseau	
Dec. 20				1	1			Dentition	Temp. Hosp.	Crown Lands
	13	8	1	5	27	712	37·92	SECOND DISTRICT.		
Mar. 1				1	1					

D.

Analysis of Causes and Localities of Deaths.

No.	DISEASES.	DISTRICTS. I	II.	III.	IV.	Total.
1	Albuminuria	1				1
2	Anæmia	1				1
3	Bronchitis	3		1		4
4	Bright's Disease	1				1
5	Colic		1			1
6	Concussion of Spine		1			1
7	Debility	1		1	4	6
8	Dentition	1	1			2
9	Diarrhœa...	2			2	4
10	Dropsy	1				1
11	Dysentery	2			3	5
12	Embolism	1				1
13	Erysipelas		1			1
14	Fever, Intermittent	4			2	6
15	,, Remittent		1			1
16	Gangrene	1				1
17	Heart Disease	1			1	2
18	Murder	1				1
19	Peritonitis				2	2
20	Phthisis	2			1	3
21	Pleurisy	1			1	1
22	Pneumonitis	1				1
23	Prolapsus Uteri	1				1
24	Serpent Bite	1				1
25	Worms	1				1
		27	5	2	16	50

E.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—(*Temporary.*)

Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Half-Year ending 30th June 1885.

DISEASES TREATED.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under Treatment.
Abscess	16			2
Anæmia and Splenitis	17			9
Burn	4			
Disease of Bones and Joints				
,, ,, Chest	44	4	4	3
,, ,, Digestive Organs	79		3	
,, ,, Eyes and Ears	11			
,, ,, Genito Urinary Organs	1		2	
,, ,, Nervous System	4		1	2
,, ,, Skin	137	1	1	19
Fractures and Dislocations				
Fever ... ... —	404	5	5	30
Rheumatism	7			1
Syphilis	11			
Ulcers	262	8		70
Wounds and Contusions	13			1
Miscellaneous	187	1	1	11
Serpent Bite	2			

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F.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—*(Temporary.)*

Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Half-Year ending 31st December 1885.

DISEASES TREATED.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under Treatment.
Abscess	5			1
Anæmia and Splenitis	25			3
Burn	4			1
Disease of Bones and Joints				
.. „ Chest	21		2	10
„ „ Digestive Organs	36	1	1	2
„ „ Eyes and Ears	3			
„ „ Genito Urinary Organs	2			
„ „ Nervous System	4			
„ „ Skin	179	1		14
Fractures and Dislocations				
Fever	623		2	14
Rheumatism	5			4
Syphilis	5			
Ulcers	146	1		41
Wounds and Contusions	6			1
Miscellaneous	215		2	6
Serpent Bite	3		1	1

C. DENNEHY.

G.

Return of Indentured Immigrants treated at the Soufriere Hospital—Diseases and Results for half year ending 30th June 1885.

DISEASES.	Cured	Relieved unchanged	Died	Remain
Fevers	16	1		2
Ulcers	19	1		3
Disease of Digestive System	9			
Circulatory „	1	2		
Respiratory „		1		
Skin...	10	1	1	1
Contusions and Wounds	1			
Debility	3	1		
Syphilis	2	2		
Rheumatism	1			
Chigoes	6			
	68	9	1	6

S. FITZGERALD PROCTOR,

Immigration Medical Officer.

H.

Return of Indentured Immigrants treated at the Soufriere Hospital Diseases and results for half year ending 31st December 1885.

DISEASES.	Cured	Relieved unfitted	Died.	Remain
Fevers	61		1	6
Ulcers	14			2
Disease of Digestive System	4			
Circulatory „	2	1		
Respiratory „				
Skin	8			
Eye	1			
Contusions and Wounds	1			1
Debility	4			
Rheumatism	1			
Abscesses	3			
Serpent bite	1			
	100	1	1	9

S. FITZGERALD PROCTOR,

Immigration Medical Officer.

K.

Cases treated in the Hospital of Vieux-Fort during the Half year ended 30th June 1885.

DISEASE.	Cured.	Relieved.	Dead.	Under Treatment.	Total.
Fevers	14			2	16
Disease of Cutaneous system	6				6
„ „ Respiratory system	5		1		6
„ „ Alimentary system	2				2
„ „ Nervous system	2				2
„ „ Circulatory system	1	1			2
„ „ Glandular system	1				1
Accident	1				1
ccouchement	1				1
heumatism..	1				1
nereal Disease	1				1

JAS. T. WILLIAMS,

Immigration Medical Officer,

Third District.

L.

Cases treated in the Hospital of Vieux-Fort during the Half-year ended 31st December 1885.

DISEASE.	Cured.	Relieved.	Dead.	Under Treatment.	Total
Diseases of the Circulatory system	1		2		2
,, ,, Cutaneous system	11				11
,, ,, Nervous system	4				4
,, ,, Digestive system	4				4
,, ,, Respiratory system	2				2
Fevers	27			4	31
Ear	1				1
Accouchements	1				1

JAS. T. WILLIAMS,

Immigration Medical Officer

Third District.

M.

Cases treated in the Hospital of Dennery for the Half year ended 30th June 1885.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved.	Deaths.	Under Treatment.
Diseases of the lungs	13	11		
,, ,, Genito Urinary Organs	5			
,, ,, Skin	28			5
,, ,, Heart	1	4	1	
,, ,, Digestive Organs	23	1	2	
,, ,, Articulations	5			
,, ,, Ear	1			
,, ,, Eye	10			
,, ,, Spleen	1	1		
Ulcers	65			18
Venereal disease	6	1		
Fever	45			7
Debility	12	2	1	
Abscess	6			
Dysentery	3		1	
Contusions	5			
Cutting and Wounding	7			
Whitlow	2			
Onychia	22			4
Chigoes	11			2
Ringworm	1			
Burns and Bruises	1			
Fractures				1

VICTOR E. TABONE,

Colonial Assistant Surgeon.

N.

Diseases treated in the Hospital of Dennery, July to December 1885.

DISEASES.	Cured.	Relieved.	Deaths.	Remaining at the end of the year.
Diseases of the lungs	3	0	0	2
,, ,, Heart	—	2	1	
,, ,, Skin	15			
,, ,, Articulations	1			
,, ,, Liver	1			
,, ,, the Nervous System	1			
,, ,, Digestive Organs	4			1
Dysentery	—		1	
Ulcers	72			9
Fevers	51			3
Chigoes	5			
Onychia	32			
Fractures	1			
Anæmia and Debility	—		1	
Venereal Diseases	2			
Contusions	2			
Cutting and wounding	1			
Abscess	2			1
Serpents's bite	—			1

VICTOR E. TA[illegible]ONE,

Colonial Assistant Surgeon.

O.

RETURN showing the number of Cases of Murder and Manslaughter committed among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1885.

Population.	Murder					Manslaughter					Percentage.	Punishment.
	Of men	Of wives	Of reputed wives	Of women not related.	Total.	Of men.	Of wives.	Of reputed wives.	Of women not related.	Total		
1269		1			1						·078	12 months H. L.

Note—The Jury reduced the verdict to Manslaughter.

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P.

RETURN showing the Number of Complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Employers against Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1885.

Districts	No. of Cases.	Nature of Complaint.	Non-Conviction.	Conviction.	Punishment.
I	187	Absence from work	83	104	7 Costs. 2 4/ and or 4 days H. L. 16 5/ " " 5 " " 3 6/ " " 6 " " 29 7/ " " 7 " " 13 8/ " " 8 " " 4 9/ " " 9 " " 7 10/ " " 10 " " 1 11/ " " 11 " " 11 12/ " " 12 " " 4 15/ " " 15 " " 1 18/ " " 3 weeks 6 20/ " " 14 days "
	77	Refuse to work	46	31	9 Costs. 6 4/ " " 5 " " 5 5/ " " 5 " " 1 6/ " " 6 " " 6 7/ " " 7 " " 1 9/ " " 9 " " 1 10/ " " 10 " " 2 15/ " " 14 " "
	1	Desertion		1	10/ 10 " "
	2	Stealing Canes		2	1 week "
	4	Persuading others to leave work	3	1	6/ " " 6 " "
	4	Threatening or provoking language	1	3	Bailed in £10 each for one month to keep the peace.
	2	Selling and purchasing rations	2		
	4	Creating a disturbance		4	3 15/ and costs or 14 days H. L. 1 30/ " " 1 month "
II	6	Refuse to work	5	1	16/ and costs or 8 days H. L.
	1	Breach of Contract	1		
III	8	Refuse to work	1	7	3 10/ and costs or 7 days H. L. 2 16/ " " 10 " " 1 20/ " " 14 " " 1 30/ " " 30 " "

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RETURN showing the number of Complaints brought before Stipendiary Magistrates by Indentured Indian Immigrants against their Employers during the year 1885.

District.	No. of Cases.	Nature of Complaint.	Non-Conviction.	Conviction.	Punishment
I	15	Assault	12	3	1 6d and costs 1 £5 „ „ 1 Costs
	11	Withholding wages	11		
II		Nil			
III		Nil			

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STATEMENT of the Rates of Wages, Prices of food, and other matters affecting the condition of the Indian Immigrants in this Colony in the Year 1885.

WAGES.

FIELD LABOUR—BY TIME.

Men	1 shilling per day of 9 hours
Women	9 pence " " "

FIELD LABOUR—BY TASK.

Holing—100 to 150 holes	1 shilling
Cross-holing—80 to 90 holes	do.
Weeding—130 to 160 „	do.
Cutting—200 „	do.
A woman's task is 1/5th to 1/4th less than a man's ...	do.
Time usually occupied	... 6 to 7 hours

IN THE MILL.

Men—1 shilling per day of 9 hours, with 3d. to 6d. extra for breakfast hour
Women—9 pence, with 2d. and 3d. extra for do.
The extra is given to keep the mill going continuously: but the labourers are allowed, one by one, to take a hasty meal.

IN THE BOILING HOUSE.

Men—1 shilling and 6 pence or 2 shillings, when the work is carried far into night
Stock-keepers, Carters, &c.—1 shilling per day.

Children engaged in light work earn from 3d to 6d per day. The task of the Creole labourer is larger than that of the Indian, and the pay is higher. Where the Immigrant (male) earns 1/, the Creole earns 1/3; and where the Immigrant (female) earns 9d, the Creole earns 10d.

FOOD.

Fish, salted	3d. to 4d. per lb,
,, ,, (herrings)	2d. ,, ,,
,, fresh	4d. to 6d. ,, ,,
Beef	7d. ,, ,,
Mutton	9d. ,, ,,
Pork	8d. ,, ,,
Poultry	9d. ,, ,,
Rice	2d. ,, ,,
Farine Manioc	1½d. ,, ,,
Wheat Flour	2½d. ,, ,,
Wheaten Bread	3d. ,, ,,
Vegetables	1d. ,, ,,
Oil, olive—1⅓ pint	9d. ,, ,,
Butter, coarse	1s 4d. ,, ,,
Sugar (Muscovado)	2d. ,, ,,

DWELLINGS.

Immigrants are provided with dwellings free of charge.

GARDEN GROUND.

By contract, Immigrants obtain ½ acre of land, each, for a garden. But on most Estates there is no measurement or limitation, and no objection would be raised if a Coolie were to cultivate 2 acres. Besides cultivating their gardens, a few of the most industrious Coolies grow canes on shares (halves) with the Estates on which they reside.

DOCTOR MEDICINE AND HOSPITAL.

Immigrants are visited on Estates, regularly once a month, and at any special call. When sick, they are prescribed for on the Estates or sent to Hospital; medical attendance and medicine being free.

Agricultural and other labourers (not Coolies) have gardens and dwellings free of charge. There are dispensaries at convenient distances all over the island, visited weekly by Government Medical Officers. At these dispensaries all such labourers receive Medical advice and medicines free. And to any of the Hospitals of the Colony no admission is refused, except on the ground of the nature of the disease.